ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A safety device (14) for an electrical outlet (16) ~~comprising~~ including a back cover plate (32) having a pair of vertically aligned apertures (34), (36) therethrough. A pair of shields (40), (42) are sized to obstruct the apertures (34), (36) in the back cover plate (32), to prevent access to dual sockets (24), (26) of a receptacle (22). A structure (44) on a front face (46) of the back cover plate (32) is for guiding the upper shield (40) to move upwardly away from the upper aperture (34) and the lower shield (42) to move downwardly away from the lower aperture (36) in the back cover plate (32). Components (48) are for biasing the shields (40), (42) on the front face (46) of the back cover plate (32). A front cover plate (50) has a pair of vertically aligned apertures (52), (54) therethrough. Elements (58) are for mating the front cover plate (50) to the back cover plate (32) cover the shields (40), (42). A facility (60) is for engaging the upper shield (40) through the upper aperture (52) in the front cover plate (50) and move it upwardly away from the upper aperture (34) in the back cover plate (32). A facility (62) is for engaging the lower shield (42) through the lower aperture (54) in the front cover plate (50) and move it downwardly away from the lower aperture (36) in the back cover plate (32).